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### **EOIR Announces Latest Disciplinary Actions Under Rules of Professional Conduct** *Ten Attorneys Immediately Suspended; Nine Receive Final Orders*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has recently taken disciplinary action against 19 attorneys for violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct for immigration practitioners.

EOIR announces these disciplinary actions to inform the public about practitioners who are no longer authorized to represent clients before an immigration tribunal. In most cases, EOIR has disciplined the practitioner based on a sanction imposed by another jurisdiction or a criminal conviction.

Disciplinary proceedings begin when the Office of the General Counsel of either EOIR or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), files a Notice of Intent to Discipline with EOIR's Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). The disciplinary action can result in the suspension or expulsion of a practitioner before the immigration courts, the BIA, and DHS. Attorneys who are suspended or expelled must be reinstated by the BIA before they can resume the practice of law before the BIA, the immigration courts, and DHS.

EOIR has recently taken the following disciplinary actions:

#### **Immediate Suspensions**

The BIA ordered the immediate suspension of the following attorneys:

- **Ricardo R. Amador, II:** He was suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 90 days for multiple violations of the state's Rules of Professional Conduct. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on his 90-day suspension in Texas, pending final disposition of his case.

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## Attorney Discipline

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- **Brian C. Casterline:** He was suspended from the practice of law by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board for 2 years and 11 months for failing to comply with prior orders of discipline. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on his suspension in Michigan, pending final disposition of his case.
- **Namir M. Daman:** He was suspended from the practice of law by the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board as a result of his guilty plea in the United States District Court to marriage fraud and aiding and abetting. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on his suspension in Michigan, pending final disposition of his case.
- **Jacqueline M. Fernandez:** She was suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Florida for 18 months for multiple violations of the state's Rules of Professional Conduct. She was immediately suspended by the BIA on Nov. 20, 2008, based on her 18-month suspension in Florida, pending final disposition of her case.
- **Roberta Golden:** She was suspended indefinitely from the practice of law by the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Massachusetts, for violating the commonwealth's Rules of Professional Conduct. She was immediately suspended by the BIA on Jan. 14, 2009, based on her indefinite suspension in Massachusetts, pending final disposition of her case.
- **Jamila Harrison:** She was disbarred by the Supreme Court of Georgia for filing asylum applications containing false statements, forged signatures, and fabricated death certificates. She was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on her disbarment in Georgia, pending final disposition of her case.
- **Leah Larsen:** She was suspended by the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, for 2 ½ years for multiple violations of the state's Rules of Professional Conduct. She was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on her 2 ½ -year suspension in New York, pending final disposition of her case.
- **Jack Barry Phillips:** He was suspended from the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Florida for 3 years for violating the state's Rules of Professional Conduct. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Jan. 14, 2009, based on his 3-year suspension in Florida, pending final disposition of his case.
- **Mohammed Shyllon:** He was suspended from the practice of law by the North Carolina State Bar for 1 year for failing to comply with the conditions of the stay of a previous suspension. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 22, 2008, based on his suspension in North Carolina, pending final disposition of his case.

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- **Uzair Mansoor Siddiqui:** He was issued two interim suspensions by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board for failing to comply with two subpoenas. He was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 9, 2008, based on his interim suspensions in Virginia, pending final disposition of his case.

### Final Orders of Discipline

- **Kaveh Ardalani:** A final order of Dec. 31, 2008, suspends him from practice before immigration tribunals for 6 months, effective Aug. 15, 2008. Previously, he was immediately suspended by the BIA on Nov. 20, 2008, based on his 6-month suspension in California.
- **Monica Lisa Caballero:** A final order of Dec. 22, 2008, suspends her from practice before immigration tribunals for 1 year, effective Nov. 14, 2008, based on her 6-month suspension in Texas.
- **Gloria Salazar Calonge:** A final order of Jan. 15, 2009, suspends her from practice before immigration tribunals for 2 years, effective Dec. 9, 2008. Previously, she was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 9, 2008, based on her 2-year suspensions in New York and Virginia.
- **Allan G. Gallimore:** A final order of Jan. 6, 2009, suspends him from practice before immigration tribunals for 1 year and 1 day, effective Dec. 9, 2008. Previously, he was immediately suspended by the BIA on Dec. 9, 2008, based on his suspension in Pennsylvania for 1 year and 1 day.
- **Alan S. Glueck:** A final order of Nov. 18, 2008, expels him from practice before immigration tribunals, effective Oct. 9, 2008, based on his disbarment in Florida.
- **James J. Hoare:** A final order of Nov. 25, 2008, suspends him from practice before immigration tribunals for 90 days, based on his 90-day suspension in Michigan.
- **John W. Kearns:** A final order of Jan. 15, 2009, expels him from practice before immigration tribunals, effective April 6, 2007, based on his 2-year suspension in Illinois.
- **Guy D. Rutherford:** A final order of Dec. 3, 2008, suspends him from practice before immigration tribunals for 6 months, effective July 10, 2008, based on his 6-month suspension in Ohio.
- **Anil Shah:** A final appellate order of Nov. 25, 2008, suspends him from practice before immigration tribunals for 6 months, effective Dec. 25, 2008, affirming his 6-month suspension imposed by an adjudicating official for knowingly and willfully misleading the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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## Background

The Rules of Professional Conduct appear in Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (8 CFR Parts 1003 and 1292). They include provisions specifying grounds for disciplinary action, requirements for receiving and investigating complaints, and procedures for conducting hearings. The rules also authorize the BIA to suspend immediately a practitioner who has been subject to disbarment, suspension, or resignation with an admission of misconduct as imposed by a federal or state court, or who has been convicted of a serious crime, pending a summary proceeding and final sanction. The Rules of Professional Conduct are available at [http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/fedreg/2000\\_2001/fr27jn00R.pdf](http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/fedreg/2000_2001/fr27jn00R.pdf).

A “List of Disciplined Practitioners” is available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/profcond/chart.htm>. In an effort to provide more detailed information about individual attorney discipline cases, every immediate suspension or final order issued can be accessed through this list by clicking on the highlighted “date” link.

Additional information about the Attorney Discipline Program can be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/press/00/profcond.htm> and <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/press/00/profcondfaks.htm>.

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